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Members of the Mississippi State Legislature:

With the 2017 regular session of the Mississippi Legislature now underway, it is clear that the careful appropriation of state funding will be a principal concern throughout the coming months. In view of the considerable task before you this spring, I took the liberty of assembling this brief collection of materials and fast facts about the Mississippi Division of Medicaid for your convenience and easy reference.

Our responsibility to spend every dollar wisely and to the maximum benefit for the people we serve is a challenge we all share. We appreciate the care and thorough consideration you invest when weighing our budget needs with those of other essential state agencies. Our hope is that the reference material provided will prove to be a useful resource as you move forward. You can also find more information on our website at <a href="mailto:medicaid.ms.gov">medicaid.ms.gov</a>.

On behalf of the 759,325 Mississippians currently enrolled in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), health-care providers across the state and the agency, we thank you for the work you do.

I look forward to continuing our work together this session, and please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Respectfully,

David J. Dzielak, Ph. D. Executive Director